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**EVENT: Sentencing**

**Defendant: Wayne Crowder**

**FORMER TOTAL ARMORED CAR EMPLOYEE**

**SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR STEALING OVER \$265,000**

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A 37-year-old Grand Rapids man who took over \$265,000 from his employer, Total Armored Car Services, was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment today, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced. Joining in the announcement was FBI Special Agent-In-Charge Andrew G. Arena.

Wayne Crowder, a coin room employee at Total Armored Car Services, pled guilty to one felony count of bank theft on April 16, 2007 before United States District Judge Bernard F. Friedman. The money, which belonged to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and TCF Bank.

A second employee involved in the theft, Vertis Woodall, Jr. of Detroit, 30, was sentenced to six months in a community corrections center and five years probation on February 27, 2007.

Evidence presented to the court showed that, from July 2004 and November 2005,

Woodall emptied bags containing gold and silver dollars into his boots to avoid security screening measures. Woodall then took the money to coin exchange facilities at various Kroger grocery stores. Woodall also supplied full dollar bags – each containing \$2,000 – to Crowder, who took them out of the building.

“Internal theft by those who handle bank deposits can be as damaging as bank robberies, or even more so, in terms of the amount of stolen funds,” said United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy. “I commend the excellent investigation by the FBI that lead to today’s sentence.”

Crowder was ordered to pay \$267,831.79 in restitution. Woodall had previously been ordered to pay \$130,000 to Total Armored Car Services.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Leonid Feller.